



Fairfield Ludlowe High School Counseling Newsletter

[Check out our department's website here!](#)

Happy February FLHS! We hope everyone had a great start to the New Year! Our students have successfully completed the first semester and survived the recent snow squall. This month we are diving head first into course selection. Every counselor will meet with each student in grades 9-11 to discuss courses for next year once students have spoken with their teachers and parents have signed off on the course selection worksheet.

Attention 9th-11th Graders – Course Selection is HERE!

On Monday 2/4/19, all students attended a course selection assembly explaining the process and all of our new courses.

Here are a few things to keep in mind:

- All students will speak with your teachers about courses and levels
- Students/parents can find the **Program of Studies** [here](#).
- Look at your course load as a whole...will a free period benefit you?
- Parents: make sure you agree with your child's courses before signing off on them
- Only sign up for classes that you would like to take, we do not drop/change classes (even electives)
- Beginning next week, school counselors will meet with every student to review course selection sheets

Not sure which electives to choose?

- Click [here](#) to watch a video about our amazing programs.

Lost your Course Selection sheet?

- Click [here](#) to print out a new one



Dates to Remember

- Course selection –
 - Teacher signature dates – 2/4-2/8
 - Meet with Counselors – 2/11-2/27
- Winter Break – 2/15-2/18
- SAT @ Ludlowe – 3/9
- Community College Fair – 3/1
- Junior in-school SAT – 4/9
- College Fair @ Harbor Yard Arena – 4/4
- ACT @ Ward – 4/13

Important Info for Juniors!

Here's a timeline of what to expect in the upcoming months!

- February
 - o Course selection – speak with each of your teachers about options for courses & meet your counselor
 - o Junior families should begin scheduling post high school meetings with counselors
- March – April
 - o Family meetings continue to meet with counselors
 - o Attend college fairs
 - o Take SAT/ACT – SAT is in school on 4/9
 - o Continue visiting schools

Reminder! – your junior year grades are the final full year colleges will see. **WORK HARD** this last semester to earn the best grades you can!!!

Senior Info – All seniors' mid-year grades will be sent automatically to all schools they applied to. See your counselor if you have questions.

Looking for scholarships?

Naviance houses a wealth of scholarship opportunities...you just have to look!

- Under the Colleges tab, scroll down to the Scholarship box at the bottom of the site and click Scholarship List.
- Each scholarship has a unique link with application information and deadlines.

A Google search can also uncover thousands of scholarship opportunities around the world. Search websites like www.FastWeb.com or www.collegescholarships.org to see what's out there!



The Office of Early College Programs is pleased to announce that student scholarship applications are now being accepted. These scholarships will be awarded to exemplary UConn ECE seniors in three separate areas of excellence:

- [Excellence in the Arts, Humanities or Social Sciences \(2 awards\)](#)
- [Excellence in Science, Technology, Engineering or Mathematics \(2 awards\)](#)
 - [Civic and Community Engagement \(1 award\)](#)

Students selected for these awards will receive a certificate of accomplishment along with a \$500 monetary award to use towards post-secondary education expenses.

Applications will be accepted from **January 28, 2019- March 13, 2019**. Applicants will be notified of the outcome in late May.

Please take a moment to view our [Student Scholarships web page](#) with all of the details. We look forward to seeing just how extraordinary our UConn ECE students are!

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THE COMMON APPLICATION

2019-2020 Essay Prompts

1. Some students have a background, identity, interest, or talent that is so meaningful they believe their application would be incomplete without it. If this sounds like you, then please share your story.
2. The lessons we take from obstacles we encounter can be fundamental to later success. Recount a time when you faced a challenge, setback, or failure. How did it affect you, and what did you learn from the experience?
3. Reflect on a time when you questioned or challenged a belief or idea. What prompted your thinking? What was the outcome?
4. Describe a problem you've solved or a problem you'd like to solve. It can be an intellectual challenge, a research query, an ethical dilemma - anything that is of personal importance, no matter the scale. Explain its significance to you and what steps you took or could be taken to identify a solution.
5. Discuss an accomplishment, event, or realization that sparked a period of personal growth and a new understanding of yourself or others.
6. Describe a topic, idea, or concept you find so engaging that it makes you lose all track of time. Why does it captivate you? What or who do you turn to when you want to learn more?
7. Share an essay on any topic of your choice. It can be one you've already written, one that responds to a different prompt, or one of your own design.

Bohdan Kolinsky Memorial Sports Journalism Scholarship

The Bohdan Kolinsky Memorial Sports Journalism Scholarship, presented by the Connecticut Sports Writers' Alliance, honors the memory of Bohdan Kolinsky, longtime school sports editor of the Hartford Courant, who died in 2003. The scholarship provides a one-time award of \$3,000 to a high school senior from Connecticut who is admitted to an accredited four-year college for study leading to a career in sports journalism.

[Applications](#) will be accepted through February 22, 2019 at midnight. The scholarship winner will be announced in early April and honored on April 28, 2019 at the Connecticut Sports Writers' Alliance's 78th annual Gold Key Dinner. Click [here](#) for the application.

If you have questions, contact John Holt, scholarship chairman, via e-mail at johndholt@yahoo.com.



The Middlesex County Blue Star Mothers-Connecticut Chapter 3 of the Blue Star Mothers of America, Inc. is pleased to offer a **\$750** scholarship to be awarded to a Connecticut high school senior in the spring of 2019. The scholarship will be awarded to a senior who will be going on to a four year college and who has a parent (or legal guardian) actively serving in the military or a parent (or legal guardian) who is an honorably discharged Veteran. Military service includes the Army, Marines, Air Force, Navy, Coast Guard, National Guard and Reserves.

The Blue Star Mothers of America, Inc. is a Veteran Service Organization chartered by the U.S. Congress and made up of mothers who have or have had children serving our country in the military. The Middlesex County Blue Star Mothers-CT Chapter 3 formed here in the state to honor and serve our troops, our veterans, the mothers and families of our military and also to promote patriotism here at home.

Click [here](#) for the application. The **deadline for receiving completed applications is April 1, 2019. Awards will be decided by May 1, 2019** and notifications to the schools made immediately after. If you have any questions, please contact Janice Beaucar at mxcbasm.scholarship@gmail.com

For more information on our chapter, please visit: www.middlesexcountybluestarmothers.org

FAIRFIELD COUNTY TAX COLLECTORS' ASSOCIATION ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP

The Fairfield County Tax Collectors' Association is, for the 4th consecutive year, offering two scholarships to be awarded to graduating high school seniors who plan on continuing their education. This year, the scholarship amount has been **doubled to \$500 each!!!!** Click [here](#) for the application and [here](#) for scholarship details. The application **deadline is April 15, 2019.**

ISIDORE WISE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Connecticut Children's Medical Center Foundation is pleased to announce that the 2019 Isidore Wise Scholarship Program at Connecticut Children's is now accepting applications. The scholarship fund was established through a generous bequest from Mr. Isidore Wise, a member of the Newington Children's Hospital Board of Directors for 45 years. Since 1996, the Medical Center has stewarded these funds by awarding educational scholarships to high school students who have an association with Connecticut Children's Medical Center or the CCMC School.

Through a competitive application process, the scholarships will be awarded to eligible high school students who will be completing their senior year in 2019 and attending an accredited post-secondary undergraduate institution in the fall. Only students who are past or present patients of the Medical Center or former students of the CCMC School may apply. This year, five scholarships of \$7,500 each will be awarded.

[DOWNLOAD APPLICATION PACKET](#)

The scholarship application deadline is March 15, 2019. *If you have any questions, please contact [Amanda Coco](#) at Connecticut Children's Medical Center Foundation by phone (860) 837-5734 or by [e-mail](#).*

American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences Connecticut Affiliate Scholarship

The American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences/Connecticut Affiliate will award one (1) \$1000.00 scholarship to a graduating Connecticut high school senior who meets the following requirements: 1) student will be enrolled in and attending a two or four-year school of higher education, 2) student will be majoring in an FCS related field of study, or 3) student will be majoring specifically in Family and Consumer Sciences education. **Application deadline is March 15th.** Click [here](#) for more information and to apply.

Dennis Malone Memorial Scholarship Award

The scholarship awards are open to applicants who are high school graduating seniors planning to attend an accredited two or four year college and pursue a career in park management, forestry, horticulture, agronomy, or a closely related field.

Click [here](#) to apply. Applications must be received by April 15.

Justin Wisniewski Firefighters Scholarship

This scholarship is to benefit the families of firefighters.

To be eligible to apply for the Scholarship you must be either: a Firefighter, or the spouse, child, sibling or grandchild of a firefighter.

Application deadline is April 1. Click [here](#) for the application.

The Eugene M. Mangini HVAC Scholarship

The Eugene M. Mangini HVAC Scholarship was established to honor one of the founders of ENTECH Advanced Energy Training. Mr. Mangini was an industry professional for over 60 years. This scholarship honors the countless hours he spent as a leader and instructor at this school, and his dedication to the Energy Industry.

Click [here](#) for application information.

**Interstate Electrical
Services**

**Are you ready to
start your career
right after
graduation?**

**Ricci's Academy &
Hair Salon**

**Want to start
earning money
right away?**



**Operating Engineers
& Apprenticeship
Program**

**No interest in
sitting at a desk
all day?**

**IT Express
Tech Training**

**Want to work
with your
hands?**

**Advanced
Manufacturing @
HCC**

AND MORE!!!

**Come and find out about great training
programs and career opportunities where you
learn on the job!**

Friday, March 1, 2019

**8:15 – 9:00AM, Lecture Hall
Gateway, Housatonic & Norwalk Community Colleges
Information Session**

**9:00 – 10:30 AM, Library Learning Commons
Career Fair**

**Want to attend? Go to your School Counselor or the College & Career Center for a
pass!**